

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Mani et al.

: Group Art Unit: 3746

Application No.: 10/664,695

: Examiner: William H. Rodriguez

Filed: September 22, 2003

: Response to Paper No.

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
REDUCTION OF JET ENGINE  
NOISE

**COVER SHEET**

Attention: Office of Petitions  
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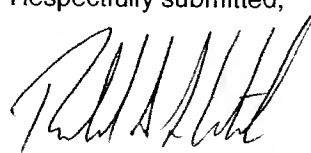
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Enclosed please find the following:

1. Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment.
2. Amendment and Response to Office Action – August 3, 2005.
3. Copy of Postcard – Amendment Received w/Certificate of Mailing stamped August 5, 2005.
4. Copy of mail dated September 20, 2006 Notice of Abandonment.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Applicant(s) attorney Richard A. DeCristofaro at telephone (518) 387-5832.

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT****UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)**

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The above-identified application was held to be abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to a notice sent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

APPLICANTS HEREBY PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT.

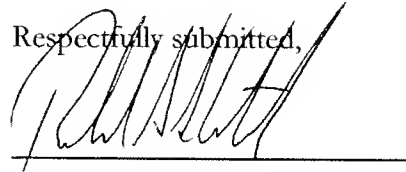
Per MPEP 711.03(c), no fee is required for this petition.

**Statement:**

1. Applicants received an Office Action dated 3 May 2005.
2. The Office Action stated a shortened statutory period for reply of 3 months, thus having an expiration date of 3 August 2005.
3. Applicants mailed a Response having an attached certificate of mailing signed and dated 3 August 2005, which is within the shortened statutory period. See attachment 1.
4. Applicants received a postcard receipt from the USPTO Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE), date-stamped 5 August 2005, confirming receipt of the Response by the USPTO. See attachment 2.

5. Applicants next received a Notice of Abandonment dated 20 September 2006, stating the application was held abandoned for failure to timely file a proper response to the Office Action. See attachment 3.
6. Applicants respectfully submit that this holding of Abandonment is improper because Applicants' Response was sent within 3 months of the mail date of the Office Action.
7. Applicants therefore respectfully submit this petition to request the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and the Response submitted by Applicants on 3 August 2005 be considered.

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Attachments:

1. Applicants' Response (copy)
2. OIPE postcard receipt (copy)
3. Notice of Abandonment (copy)